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For: A SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND A  
METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE  
SAME

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 10, 2003 (Paper No. 20), finally rejecting claims 32-36, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page of this paper.